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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2688

INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: KINSHASA 4315 AND NAIROBI 4260

1. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY WE NOW HAVE ANOTHER POSSIBLE CHANNEL TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU. DUTCH AMBASSADOR HERE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO APPROACH MOBUTU IN CONSULTATION WITH ME WHEN HE THINKS IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO DO SO. HE CAN REFER TO QUEEN'S CONCERN. HE HAS ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT ON REQUEST THE HAGUE WOULD SUPPLY AN APPROPRIATE MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN. WE AGREE NOW IS NOT THE TIME.

2. NEEDLESS TO ADD, IT BECOMES IMPORTANT FOR ME TO SEE MOBUTU, THE SAME TECHNIQUE, A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD, WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE SUCH AN APPROACH.

3. INCIDENTALLY, WHILE AMBASSADOR CARTER HAS, I BELIEVE, BEEN COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN DAR AS I HAVE HERE, AS FAR AS I AM AWARE USG HAS NOT FORMALLY DISCUSSED WITH DUTCH GOVERNMENT. THAT IS ANOTHER PLACE WHERE CONSULTATIONS SEEM TO ME TO BE IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST.

4. FINALLY, VERKADE WILL TALK WITH BRITISH HERE IN ATTEMPT ON BOTH OUR BEHALVES TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION

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ON MUGWADI (REFTELS) SINCE APPARENTLY MUGWADI'S BRITISH

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